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Attached are copies of two Japanese patent publications, which were cited in a European Search Report, dated December 2, 2003, that was issued in connection with a foreign counterpart application. Also attached is a Form PTO-1449, listing the publications.

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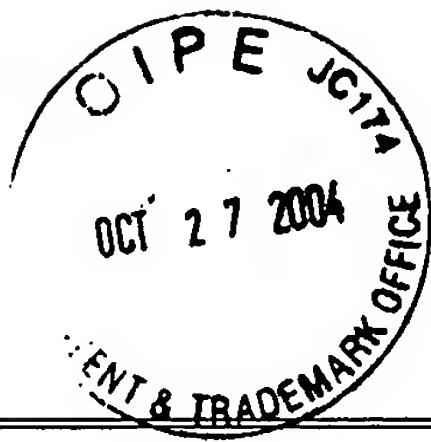
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